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CHILDREN "DISAPPEARED" IN ARGENTINA

AISC protests and denounces the disappearance of twenty-two children and adolescents in Argentina, the result of abductions by right-wing paramilitary and government forces in that country.

Information concerning these young people, most of whom were under 4 years of age when they disappeared, was received from an Argentine solidarity committee in France, and derived from a list compiled by DIMADE, a long-established ecumenical refugee service organization based in France. A description of each case is enclosed.

The abduction of small children - toddlers and infants - and adolescents by the Argentine armed forces thrusts the Argentine government to the lowest pit of inhuman barbarity. When a nation destroys its children in political witch hunts, it goes beyond the definition of "violation of human rights," into genocide, and the destruction of the very concept of human dignity and hope.

AISC therefore calls upon all individuals and organizations active in human rights work, and upon the United Nations, the United States Government, the Organization of American States, and all institutions which can understand this immense tragedy, to save the lives of these children.

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CHILDREN ABDUCTED IN ARGENTINA

1. The daughter of Beatriz Rechia de Garcia: 3 years old
On January 12, 1977, Beatriz Rechia, professor, 28 years old, was abducted by Argentine armed forces from her house. A few days later her three-year-old daughter was kidnapped from her grandmother's home. Despite all of the efforts of her family, there is no further information on the location of mother and child.
2. Amaral Garcia: 3 years old
He was kidnapped November 8, 1974, along with his parents, in Buenos Aires. The corpses of his parents were found in Uruguay. Nothing further has been learned about the child.
3. Simon Antonio Riquelo: 20 days old
He was kidnapped along with his mother. She later appeared in a prison in Uruguay, where she stated that shortly after their abduction, her baby was torn away from her, and she had not seen him since that day - July 13, 1976.
4. Mariana Zaffaroni Islas: 18 months old
She was abducted with her parents on September 27, 1976. Relatives have not been able to obtain any information about her or her parents.
5. Anatole Grisomas: 4 years old
6. Victoria Grisomas: 1 year old
These children were arrested along with their parents. No word has been obtained about the location of any of the four.
7. Bettina Tarnopolsky: 15 years old
She was arrested in the house of her grandmother on July 15, 1976 and required to lead the government armed forces to her parents' home, where the entire family was arrested. Despite legal proceedings, no further information has been learned about their location.
8. Elena Bleza: 2 years old
She was detained in May, 1977, along with her mother in Buenos Aires. Her mother, Sonia Bleza, originally from Cordoba, remains "disappeared as well."
9. Sebastian Marquez: 4 years old
He was abducted along with his mother in May, 1977. The child and mother remain "disappeared."
10. Pablo Menna: 2 years old
Detained along with his mother Rina Raquel Menna in May, 1977, both remain "disappeared."

LIST OF MISSING CHILDREN, continued

11. Maria Lucila Santillan: 4 years old
12. Carlos Santillan: 2 years old
They were abducted along with their parents in Pergamino, Buenos Aires province, in November, 1976. They remain "disappeared."
13. Jorgelina Planas: 4 years old
She and her mother Cristina Planas were detained in May, 1977. They are both still "disappeared."
14. Rodney Garcia: 13 years old
He was arrested along with his father in Caseros, Buenos Aires province, on July 10, 1976. Both remain "disappeared."
15. Pablo Marquez: 13 years old
He was arrested along with his mother Graciela de Marquez on May 13, 1977 in Avellaneda, Buenos Aires province; both remain "disappeared."
16. Maria Elena Fernandez: 17 years old
She was detained along with her parents in May of 1977 in Avellaneda, Buenos Aires province. All of the family remain "disappeared."
17. Dagmar Hagelin: 17 years old
This adolescent of dual nationality, Argentine-Swedish, was kidnapped in Palomar, Buenos Aires province, January 27, 1977. Despite pressure from the Swedish embassy in Argentina, she remains "disappeared."
18. Eduardo Muniz: 17 years old
19. Daniel Rus: 17 years old
This student was abducted on July 20, 1977 in Buenos Aires, and remains "disappeared."
20. Maria Zimmerman: 18 years old
21. Leonora Zimmerman: 17 years old
22. Pablo Fernandez Meidide: 17 years old
After searching for Pablo Fernandez Meidide, Leonora Zimmerman, Maria Zimmerman, and Eduardo Muniz at the Colegio Nacional de Vicente Lopez in Buenos Aires province, police forces arrested these four students on October 22, 1976. The four remain "disappeared."